

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute claims 1-15 with the following:

1. (Currently Amended) A method in a data processing system for remote inter-language method calling comprising:
issuing a method call using a first protocol;
translating said method call from said first protocol to an intermediary protocol; and
translating said method call from said intermediary protocol to a second protocol,
wherein the intermediary protocol is *Connect.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said first step of translating comprises:
calling a proxy object.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said first protocol is selected from the
group of Java, XPCOM and UNO.
4. (Canceled).
5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said second protocol is selected from
the group of Java, XPCOM and UNO.
6. (Currently amended) A remote inter-language method calling system comprising:
a method calling unit configured to issue a method call using a first protocol;
a first translator configured to translate said method call from said first protocol to an
intermediary protocol; and
a second translator configured to translate said method call from said intermediary
protocol to a second protocol,

wherein the intermediary protocol is *Connect.

7. (Original) The remote inter-language method calling system of claim 6 wherein said first translator comprises:

a proxy object.

8. (Original) The remote inter-language method calling system of claim 6 wherein said first protocol is selected from the group of Java, XPCOM and UNO.

9. (Canceled).

10. (Original) The remote inter-language method calling system of claim 6 wherein said second protocol is selected from the group of Java, XPCOM and UNO.

11. (Currently amended) A computer program product comprising:
a computer usable medium having computer readable program code embodied therein configured for remote inter-language method calling, comprising:

computer readable code configured to cause a computer to issue a method call using a first protocol;

computer readable code configured to cause a computer to translate said method call from said first protocol to an intermediary protocol; and

computer readable code configured to cause a computer to translate said method call from said intermediary protocol to a second protocol,

wherein the intermediary protocol is *Connect.

12. (Original) The computer program product of claim 6 wherein said computer readable code configured to cause a computer to translate said method call from said first protocol comprises:

computer readable code configured to cause a computer to call a proxy object.

13. (Original) The computer program product of claim 6 wherein said first protocol is selected from the group of Java, XPCOM and UNO.

14. (Canceled).

15. (Original) The computer program product of claim 6 wherein said second protocol is selected from the group of Java, XPCOM and UNO.